

"(b) ~~Six-Month Class 2 Misdemeanors.~~ -- A person who commits one or more of the following acts is guilty of a ~~misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment for up to six months, a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both.~~ Class 2 misdemeanor:

- (1) Knowingly dispenses non-tax-paid fuel into the supply tank of a motor vehicle.
- (2) Knowingly allows non-tax-paid fuel to be dispensed into the supply tank of a motor vehicle."

Sec. 53. (a) Section 784 of Chapter 539 of the 1993 Session Laws is repealed.

(b) G.S. 106-451 reads as rewritten:

"§ 106-451. *Numbering of cotton bales by public ginneries; public gin defined.*

(a) Any person, firm or corporation operating any public cotton gin, that is, any cotton gin other than one ginning solely for the individual owner, owners, or operators thereof, shall hereafter be required to distinctly and clearly number, serially, each and every bale of cotton ginned, in one of the following ways:

- (1) Attach a metal strip carrying the serial number to one of the ties of the bale and ahead of the tie lock, and so secure it that ordinary handling will not remove or disfigure the number.
- (2) Impress the serial number upon one of the bands or ties around the bale.

Any person, firm or corporation failing or refusing to comply with this section shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor for each and every offense, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned not more than 30 days.~~ Class 3 misdemeanor for each and every offense.

(b) Any person, firm or corporation buying a bale of cotton on which this number has: (i) been removed; (ii) defaced by cutting; (iii) or otherwise altered, unless a new metal strip is attached and impression made by the original gin ginning said bale or bales of cotton, shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor for each and every offense and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned not more than 30 days. offense.

(c) Every public ginnery, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, shall keep a book in which shall be registered all cotton received at the gin to be ginned in the name of the owner of the cotton and the name of the person from whom the cotton is received for ginning. Any person giving false information for entry in this book shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. There shall be furnished by the ginner for each bale of cotton ginned, to the owner thereof, a gin ticket bearing the name of the gin, the serial number of the bale prescribed by subsection (a) of this section, the weight of the bale and the name of the owner of the cotton. Such gin ticket shall be presented, for comparison with the serial number prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, at the time such bale is sold or offered for sale, as prima facie evidence of ownership thereof."

Sec. 54. (a) Section 785 of Chapter 539 of the 1993 Session Laws is repealed.